

quantity representing an offset defining a starting position of said two or more successive pixels with respect to a pixel at a known position; and  
(2) for each ordered double, rendering with said appearance said number of successive pixels having said appearance beginning at said starting position with respect to a pixel at a known position;

(f) repeating steps (c), (d) and (e) until said pixels of said region having an appearance different from said characteristic background appearance are completely encoded. and

(g) for any pixel in said region of said image that has not been rendered in steps (d), (e) and (f), rendering said pixel using a characteristic background appearance.

69. (New) The method of claim 68 wherein defining two non-collinear axes comprises defining a row and a column.

70. (New) The method of claim 68 wherein rendering a pixel comprises displaying said pixel using at least one of a color, a brightness, a blinking, a flashing, and a display mode.

71. (New) The method of claim 68 further comprising the step of recording on a computer-readable medium a representation of said rendering of pixels in said region.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-51 were presented in this continuation application. Claims 1-51 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 52-71 have been added. Claims 52-71 remain in the present application for examination.

Applicants have amended the Specification to make reference to a currently pending application from which continuation status is claimed. The amendment to the Specification adds no new matter.

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Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-51 without prejudice, and add new claims 52-71 to more distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants consider to be their invention. Support for the new claims appears throughout the Specification, and at least at pages 37 through 42 and in the Figures. No new material has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the application and the new claims as presently amended at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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